

Thought for the Month

"I must be getting taller as I grow older - the floor seems to get further away as I bend down to pick something up."

Don't Twitter – Titter Instead

Universal Laws

Law of Mechanical Repair -

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Gravity -

Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

Law of Probability -

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers -

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

Variation Law -

If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

Law of the Result -

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work
IT WILL !!!

llamite

Don't Forget to Change your Clocks – but Why?

During British Summer Time (BST) clocks are advanced one hour forward of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less. It was first established in 1916 when it began on 21 May and ended on 1 October. Nowadays it begins at 01:00 GMT on the last Sunday of March and ends at 01:00 GMT (02:00 BST) on the last Sunday of October. Since 1995, the starting and finishing times across the European Union have been aligned but the EU is proposing to abandon summer time altogether from 2021 though the UK will not be bound by this if it is no longer a member,

During the Second World War, British Double Summer Time was invented as an energy-saving device, effectively putting the country on the same footing as mainland Europe: GMT+1 in the winter, and GMT+2 in the summer but in 1947 Britain reverted to normal. A British Standard Time experiment, with Britain remaining on GMT+1 throughout the year, took place between March 1968 and October 1971. Around 2,500 fewer people were killed and seriously injured on the roads during the first two winters of the experiment but it was not clear if this was partly, or mostly, due to the introduction of the breathalyser at the same time.

Various campaigners, including the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, have recommended that we go back to GMT+1 in the winter, and GMT+2 in the summer. They suggested that this would reduce the number of accidents as a result of the lighter evenings and that the change could save almost 500,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions each year, equivalent to taking 185,000 cars off the road. These proposals are opposed by some farmers and other outdoor workers and by many residents of Scotland and Northern Ireland, as it would mean that in northern Britain and Northern Ireland the winter sunrise would not occur until 10 a.m. or even later and the darker mornings, especially in Scotland, could affect children going to school and people travelling to work. However, the National Farmers' Union indicated that it was not against the idea, with many farmers expressing a preference for the change.

Wetton & Alstonefield Community First Responders

Serving the community's emergency medical needs with pride, care and excellence.

WACFR would like to thank the following for their recent donations:

The customers and staff of the Manifold Inn for the proceeds from their quiz nights.

FOR SALE TOYOTA LAND CRUISER

2009 Toyota Land Cruiser
5 Door Diesel Automatic 2982cc
Metallic Grey, 7 seats (grey leather)
Electric Sunroof - SatNav
Full service history – 50,000 miles approx
Well looked after by Hartdale Motors.
£9000 o.n.o.

We will soon be selling our current vehicle so if you would be interested in purchasing/viewing it or have previously said you are then please contact Nicky or Sally on the numbers below.

If we have a number of people interested then we will ask for your best offer by the end of March. The vehicle should be available in April providing our new one has arrived. It's a great vehicle for a rural location, with low mileage and the flexibility of up to 7 seats if needed, so don't miss out!

Interested in becoming a First Responder?

If you would like to become a voluntary responder then do contact us so we can let you know when it is next possible to apply on the NHS jobs website. There should be a number of training courses in 2019.

More information about what it involves and how the course is run can be found on the application page but please call us if you would like to know more before this.

**For more information contact Nicky on 01335 310296
or Sally on 01538 304116**

www.wacfr.org

Charity no: 1121223

Gardeners' Tips of the Month

National Nest Box Week was February 14-21st but as we all live 'Up Here' there is still time to oblige our feathered friends by going to nestboxweek.com

Recipe of the Month

Marmalade Ice-Cream Recipe

Ingredients:

375 g (12 oz) marmalade (shredless or not – as you please)
300 ml (10 fl oz) double cream

Tip the marmalade into a large bowl and beat.
Whip the cream until stiff and then fold into the marmalade.
Freeze.

This is one of those miracle ice-creams that doesn't need beating as it freezes, and can be served straight from the freezer - a marvellous thing, that double cream.

R.W. Ilam.

What's in your Garden or House!!

The Editor has decided that you need cheering up and asked for signs of Spring....

Snowdrops, Daffodils, and the **First Cuckoo**

The 14th April is St. Tiburtius Day and is traditionally when you will hear the first cuckoo – you are also supposed to write to the Times !



The cuckoo migrates north from Africa and the date of its arrival, although traditionally the 14th April, varies in different parts of the country.

The first sighting is often in the far South West, in the Isle of

Scilly and then gradually moves northwards. In recent years the cuckoo has tended to arrive on average five days earlier than usual, likely due to climate change. Up here it is more likely to be early May ! A bit like our daffodils which are just about coming out when my Sister's daffodils have finished in Penzance! Source: <http://www.jacobijayne.co.uk/21-facts/>

The cuckoo is one of the most widespread breeding birds in Europe, and is only absent from Iceland. It also breeds throughout Asia east to Japan. Each season a female will lay between 12 and 22 eggs, all in different nests of other birds, especially meadow pipits, dunnocks and reed warblers.

A female cuckoo will generally lay her eggs in a nest belonging to the same species of bird that reared her. The naked chick hatches after 11–13 days. It methodically evicts all host chicks from host nests. It is a much larger bird than its hosts, and needs to monopolize the food supplied by the parents. The chick will roll the other eggs out of the nest by pushing them with its back over the edge. If the host's eggs hatch before the cuckoo's, the cuckoo chick will push the other chicks out of the nest in a similar way. At 14 days old, the cuckoo chick is about three times the size of an adult Eurasian reed warbler. Common cuckoo chicks fledge about 17–21 days after hatching, compared to 12–13 days for Eurasian reed warblers.

Adult cuckoos move back to Africa as soon as the breeding season is over – as early as the second half of June in southern England. The young cuckoos follow their parents back to Africa several weeks later.

The maximum recorded lifespan of a common cuckoo in the United Kingdom is 6 years, 11 months and 2 days. There were estimated to be 15,000 pairs in the UK in 2018. Their recent population decline makes this a Red List species. I have noticed that I only hear them once or twice nowadays although they used to call all through Spring.

Only the male cuckoo calls cuckoo, and as the spring progresses the double-note tends to change: The cuckoo's favourite diet is hairy caterpillars which most other birds do not like.

An Elkstonian

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who visited the Tea Junction over the last (nearly!) 10 years. I had a great run at the Tea Junction and enjoyed my time there enormously. It has been a pleasure to cook for you all, all these years, especially the Lunch Club every other Tuesday, but it's now time for a change, so I hand over the reins to Georgia Ward as of February this year.

Wishing everyone All The Best for the future, I'm sure our paths will cross again.

Rebecca Simcock.

Your Community Magazine

Items are free of charge relating to:

Any of Our Cluster of Villages' Community or Fundraising Events. These would, for example, be Village Halls (some), History Groups, W.I.'s, Book Clubs, Church (some), First Responders, School, Play Groups in fact anything that keeps our Communities going as a whole.

However, if monies raised are going to an outside cause or you are using a facility to earn money, then a small contribution towards our printing costs would be expected.

Classified Advert	Annual Contribution	£50.00
Classified Advert	Per Monthly Insertion	£ 5.00
Fundraiser For Out of Area Charities	Per Monthly Insertion	£ 5.00
Full A4 Page ('Poster')	Per Monthly Inclusion (Applies to all)	£15.00



Sign up for a free taster to try out Nordic Walking.

If you're planning to get fit in 2018, then I've got a variety of Nordic Walking classes to help you achieve your goals, no matter your age or fitness level. The walks are mostly 1 hour (three miles or less), with varied terrain that will help build your stamina. There are plenty of beautiful views too, which provide the perfect motivation to head outside and get active.

Taster Sessions:

Monday 4th March at 5pm.

Meet at the Barn, Green Farm, Thorpe. DE6 2AW

Wednesday 27th March at 10am

Meet at the National Trust Visitor Centre, Ilam Park DE6 2AZ

Low Impact Taster:

Thursday 28th March at 1.15pm.

Meet at the Old Dog car park, Thorpe DE6 2AT

Please wear shoes & clothes according to the weather. Nordic Walking Poles provided for all tasters.

Book your free taster now:

Janneke Gorzeman 07469895267.

Janneke@whitepeaknordicwalking.co.uk

Or book now: www.coreconcept.org/calendar

The Messiah by Handel will be performed on Saturday March 30th at 7.30pm in Bakewell Parish Church by the Bakewell Choral Society with the South Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra and distinguished soloists.

If anyone is interested in attending this special concert please contact Margaret Cohen for further details on 01335 310381 or email: frithe@aol.com

Alstonefield's Articles



St. Peter's, Alstonefield

Vicar: Position Vacant.

Service Times:

10th March at 11am, Benefice Holy Communion.

31st March at 11am, All Age Worship – Mothering Sunday.

Warden: Vacancies

PCC Chair: Mrs Marion Beloe
01335 310253.

From the Registers

We pray for the family and friends of:

Frank Alfred Yates who died on 14th December, aged 96 years. Frank was laid to rest in the churchyard following a Funeral service at St. Peter's church on 3rd January.

Jean Emily Goodwin who died on 5th February aged 88 years. A Thanksgiving Service was held at St Peter's church on 15th February following cremation at Markeaton.

New Vicar

We are delighted to announce the appointment of a new 0.2 'House for Duty' Vicar for the Benefice of Alstonefield, Ilam & Wetton. The Revd.. John Austerberry, and his wife Nicola, will be moving into the Vicarage in the next few weeks before John takes up his ministry at the beginning of May.

The Licensing Service will take place at St. Peter's church on Friday 3rd May at 7.30pm, followed by light refreshments in the village hall.

We look forward to welcoming John and Nicola to the Benefice.

Carol Service Collection

The Carols by Candlelight collection raised £430, which was sent to UNICEF's Syrian children's appeal.

St Peters Church Electoral Roll

In 2019 all our Churches have to renew our Church Electoral Rolls. So even if you are currently on the Roll you will need to fill in the application form and return it to me. If I haven't contacted you yet, I will be doing so shortly.

If there is anyone who would like to join the Church Electoral Roll, then please get in touch, or pick up a form in church, and return it to me as soon as possible.

Angela Campbell, Steeplow Cottage, Alstonefield 310502

Help will be gratefully received please for the Church and Churchyard Spring Clean along with the Parish Spring Clean on Saturday 23rd March, 9am onwards at the church.

Lunch in the Village Hall together. There are lots of little jobs to do, please try to spare a couple of hours. Many thanks.

Alstonefield Ann Green Festival – we had a very successful time last year raising over £5,000 for the upkeep of the church and churchyard with several enjoyable events. We have more research and writing up to do and will continue through the spring and summer with trips and events. We will also have cream teas in the church again; we look forward to seeing you there. We will put a programme of events out next month. Please be in touch if you would like to join us on a visit to the records at Matlock, Stafford, Calke Abbey or Chester. Carrie 01335 310453.

Greetings Cards – we have a selection of Greetings Cards available for sale in the Church, just pop in to look if you need something to send a friend or loved one.

Alstonefield Carol Suppers

Thank you to all those who attended, helped and donated to the Alstonefield Carol Suppers. We had 63 attend on Friday, 62 on Saturday. We made a total income of £2,622.50 from tickets, raffle, auction and donations; our total expenditure on food, hall hire etc. was £486.62. We have therefore sent a donation of £2,135.88 to Cancer Research UK who have acknowledged the donation and are very pleased with this money for their excellent research work. This was the 29th year; please put the date in your diary for our 30th year on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st December 2019. In total so far the community has raised £29,320.92 at the Carol Suppers, it would be great to take it over £30,000 this year! Thank you. Any queries or suggestions please to Carrie O 310453.

Alstonefield Village Hall

Chairman: Martin Snodin

Social Secretary: Dave Littlehales

Secretary & Treasurer: Margaret Cohen

Bookings Officer: Sue Lovatt

e-mail: alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail Tel: 01335 310458

Committee: Frank Lipp, Jill Benghiat, Jo Griffin, Ian Longdon, Ken Sharples, & Val Littlehales.

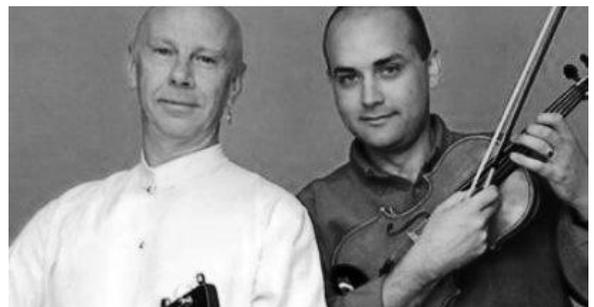
The Car Boot Sales will take place on the following Sunday mornings, finishing at noon:- **28th April, 26th May, 30th June, 28th July, 25th August, 29th September 2019.**

Please contact Sue 310458 if you can help us in any way.

ALSTONEFIELD VILLAGE HALL CONCERTS

SATURDAY 2nd MARCH DEMPSEY & BROUGHTON

Top quality musicianship in a high energy show.



Licensed bar

8pm (Doors from 7.30pm)

£12 in advance, online at WeGoTickets.com
or call 01335 310322 (em: avh.concerts@gmail.com)

SATURDAY 23rd MARCH

PETE ATKIN

Best known for his collaborations with Australian author, critic and TV personality, Clive James - see separate article.



Licensed bar

8pm (Doors from 7.30pm)

SOLD OUT - FOR CANCELLATIONS CALL
01335 310121/322

Pete Atkin (23rd March Concert) - A Local Story

Alstonefield's concert on 23rd March has an interesting local connection! It features a musician/radio producer

who's best known for his collaborations with Australian author, critic and TV personality, **Clive James**. James met Pete Atkin in 1966 as members of the Cambridge Footlights Revue that spawned shows such as Beyond the Fringe and Monty Python. Less well known is that in the early 1970s, the pair made eight highly collectable albums of quirky, original, and entertaining songs. Atkin wrote the music, and Clive James wrote the words. Thanks to the internet and a man from Monyash, the albums were reissued on CD, and the pair revived their partnership with live performances and new material being written.

How come? Well, for a 'day-job', Atkin is a writer and freelance radio producer, having worked mostly for the BBC, on programmes such as Just a Minute, Week Ending and This Sceptred Isle. And it was this day-job that led to a rather special event that happened just up the road at Monyash twenty-odd years ago. Pete's music had become a sideline and he was only playing a couple of gigs a year. But one evening, at a tiny venue in Eastbourne, Atkin got talking to Steven Birkill, who had travelled all the way from Monyash just to see him perform. Birkill was a top BBC engineer who later went on to invent a new type of tuner now used in Freeview TV boxes and most of the digital radios sold in the UK and Europe. He was also a huge fan of the Atkin/James songs, but he'd only seen Pete play a couple of times in the 1970s and had almost worn out his copies of the albums. With a large farmhouse, Birkill had the idea of getting all the old Atkin/James fans to come to a one-off 'garden festival', with the help of the internet (which was still in its early days). It was so successful that in August 1997, 250 people turned up for the festival, which also featured Julie Covington (who'd been appearing in 'Godspell' in London). The following year, Birkill hired Buxton Opera House and staged a concert with Atkin joined by Clive James himself. It was the first time they had shared a stage for over two decades. Birkill helped set up a fan website (nicknamed Smash Flops) and a web forum, called Midnight Voices. In 1999 there was another festival gig at Monyash, and Atkin/James were so encouraged that they went on to write new material and produced several new albums, containing songs just as good as those on the early albums. And it's all thanks to Monyash!

Alstonefield Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Liz Court, tel. 07746 833910

Email barabarani@gmail.com c/o The Village Hall, Alstonefield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 2FR

Chair: Richard Butler (01335 310620)

Vice Chairman: Gordon Campbell (07919353800)

Councillors: Nick Bonsall (310262) Alan Hayes (310057) Rupert Hignett (310389) Carrie Osborne (310453).

All Parish Council agendas and minutes are always available on the website and the notice boards.



Alstonefield Parish Spring Clean 2019
Saturday 23rd March

Meet at 9.30 am at the Village Hall
Please bring your own tools and equipment.

Tasks will be allocated on arrival. However, if you notice particular jobs that need attention please contact any member of the Parish Council beforehand.

Thank you for your support!

All Parishioners are cordially invited to attend the next Parish Council Meeting which will take place at the Village Hall from 7.00pm on **Wednesday 3rd April 2019**.

LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE 2019

SUNDAY 29th MAY



In aid of local good causes

We are **full** and operating a waiting list

Funding requests from the proceeds of this year's event are invited.

Please include:

- The amount requested
- What the funds will be used for
- When they will be used

Please submit your written request by **Sunday 14th April** to:

The Chair, Frank Lipp
Bumbleies Barn, Alstonefield, DE6 2FX

Helpers: We hope all those who helped in previous years will be able to help again. If you can fulfil the same role, please email: carrie@brianandcarrie.co.uk

With some 50 volunteers needed for the smooth running of the event, we can always do with new helpers; we'll find the right place for you. **So please put the date in your diary** and get in touch. Everyone who takes part in the event is amazed with what a wonderful, welcoming, and helpful bunch our volunteers are. It's not just the amazing food they keep coming back for!

Sponsors: We have a growing band of sponsors, and we are very grateful to them. If you or your company would like to sponsor this year's event, please have a chat with Frank Lipp by phoning **01335 310302**, or emailing FrankLipp@btinternet.com

QUIZ NIGHT

Test out your trivia skills in a quiz night on Wednesday 10 April, In Alstonefield Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Teams of 4 (Max). £5 per person to include interval tea and biscuits. Bring your own drink and nibbles to keep your brain alert!!

Proceeds to Waterberry/Tukongote Community Projects in rural Zambia.

Turn up on the night or to pre-reserve a team table or any questions, contact Susan Wilding on 310025.

"AVETS Remember".....

Alstonefield Village Emergency Telephone System volunteers will try to help you in an emergency in the village. If you call 01335818911 you will be connected direct to a village volunteer who may be able to offer you early assistance. If you would like to know more about what we do, please call Meg on 488 or Carrie on 009.

The AVETS team are very grateful to the Alstonefield Newspaper Club who have paid for the AVETS telephone line for another year."

Alstonefield Baby and Toddler Group

Alstonefield play group meet every Wednesday morning in term time 9.30-11.30. £3 per family. The sessions are held in the very well appointed Alstonefield Village Hall and provide free play for the children with a large variety of toys and activities on offer. Play sessions frequently include a craft component.

We welcome any parent or guardian with children from birth to school age. A healthy snack and/or biscuits are provided for the children and ample tea and coffee for the adults.

No need to pre-book, just turn up. The first session is free. We look forward to welcoming you to our group!

Please contact Jo for any queries 01335 310538 (daytime) or jl.griffin@hotmail.co.uk

Butterton's Bits

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Peter Dobey after an illness bravely borne with peace and dignity. Our thoughts and prayers go to Carole and all the family.

Ed's note: Apologies to all family and friends for the omission in last month's magazine. It was my mistake.

A donation has been received from Mr. Eddie Mollat for the Churchyard Mower Fund. All donations are truly gratefully received.



St. Bartholomew's Church

Rev. Michael Evans,
01538 266313.

Services for March:

3rd at 11am, Holy Communion
17th at 3.30pm, Evening Worship +
Short Service of Healing.
24th at 9am, Said Communion.
31st at 11am, Mothering Sunday,
Lay Led Service.

Wardens: Maggie Risby 304115.
Barbara Woodward 304324,

Altar Flowers: No Flowers - Lent.
Cleaning Rota: M Woodward.

St Bartholomew's PCC Members:

Sisa Bartley (Treasurer), Melanie Hodgkinson (Heritage Lottery and Bells Co-ordinator), Maurice Woodward, Peter Tomlinson, Brenda Mollatt, Lily Hambleton-Plumb, Margaret Dutton, Doris Wentworth.

To all Mums/Grannies/Grandmas/Nans/Nannas... please join us for our Mothering Sunday Service.

Refreshments served after the Service with something for the children who will hopefully join us too.

A reminder for anyone wishing to be added to the Church Electoral Roll and all those on the existing Electoral Roll. If you haven't already received a form, please contact the Electoral Roll Officer- Maggie Risby or Churchwarden Barbara Woodward

Lottery Draw – January Result

1st	D & A Wain	£25.00
2nd	M & A Wint	£15.00
3rd	J Grindey	£10.00

The next draw will take place on Saturday 9th March at 11.00am in Church. Please come along and have a cup of tea with Cake or Biscuit. If anyone wants to join the lottery please contact Melanie 304504 or Barbara 304324.

Churchyard Tidy

We will be giving the Churchyard a Spring Clean on Saturday 13th April between 10am till 12 noon. Volunteers of any age would be made very welcome and we encourage all to come and fill a bag or two of twigs which have blown off the trees along with other items which have made their way into the Churchyard.

Just one hour of your time will make a great difference and have a huge impact on the task in hand.

We do hope as many people as possible can join us on the day. All you need to do is bring yourself, a garden rake and secateurs would be useful or anything that you can muster to help.

Many hands make light work and we hope that you can offer yours to help prepare the Churchyard for the coming year's mowing season.

Following the Churchyard Tidy we will be offering a simple Lent Lunch in Church from 12noon 'til 2pm. With Soup, Bread Roll and Cheese. Any donations received will be divided between Butterton Church or Bishops Lent Appeal (mark on your envelope) (Fear not fellow collectors you have coffee and biscuits before this). This is a very enjoyable occasion and we look forward to seeing many of you as possible.

Butterton Lent Lunch Saturday 13th April
12 noon 'till 2pm at Butterton Church
Proceeds to Church or Bishop's Lent Appeal

Butterton History Group

Chairperson: Maggie Risby, 304115,
Minutes Secretary: Marjorie Renshaw, 304226,
Treasurer: Charlie Mollatt, 304445,
Dianne Wint, Margaret Bury, Barbara and Maurice Woodward, Sarah Stone. Cliff Salt & Alan Salt (co-opted).

At the recent AGM it was decided to hold two events this year. The first will be on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May, focussing on both the Old School and the New School and how it 'morphed' into the Village Hall. Anyone with any photographs, memorabilia etc PLEASE contact Maggie asap.

Any photos/documents will be copied for our archives unless you would be willing to donate them. The second event will be Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September, focussing on the 80th Anniversary of the beginning of WW11 and dedicating the event to our Doubly Thankful men.

At the AGM it was decided to open up membership to the Group to those interested in Butterton's local, church and family history. If anyone has any 'enthusiasms' or specific areas of local interest, please contact us with a view to becoming a co-opted member of the committee. We would like to welcome Diane Salt as our most recently co-opted member, who joins previously co-opted members Cliff Salt and Alan Salt. Under discussion...more social events such as the Brunch and Brew could be held, speakers invited or trips planned. If anyone is interested please contact Sarah Stone 304455.

Butterton Village Hall

Chairperson: Katie Murray 304168,
Secretary: Sheila McDermott
Minutes Secretary: Marjorie Renshaw 304226,
Treasurer and Bookings: Maggie Risby 304115,
Gwen Bagshaw 304358, Dianne Wint 304327, Hilary Bassett 304219, Sheila McDermott 304386.

March is relatively quiet but things begin to 'hot up' in April.

Friday 5th April - Easter Chocolate Bingo. Eyes down at 7.30pm. All prizes on a chocolate theme. Refreshments and a Raffle. Any donations of items for the raffle or prizes would be gratefully accepted.

Wednesday 10th April - Village Hall AGM at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in joining the committee will be welcomed with open arms, an unlimited supply of tea/coffee and biscuits.

Friday 19th April - Our Wakes Queen- Jess Fox will be organising a Pig Race. More details next month.

The Village Hall Committee hope to embark upon the final phase of redecoration and refurbishment by having the exterior of the Hall repainted this Spring/Summer. Please support all events at the Hall and consider booking it for your event? Go to the Village website - buttertonmoorlands.co.uk and follow the link to the Village Hall for a booking form and conditions of hire.

Butterton Parish Council

C/O Clerk: Maggie Risby, 01538 304115

Email buttertonpc@live.co.uk

Chairperson: Karen Salt 304543,

Vice Chairperson: Jenny Land 304265,

Committee Members: Sarah Kinneir 304274, Peter Tomlinson 304560, Mike Stone (Website Manager) 304455, Roz Lees 304673 Tracey Perkin 304781.

The Parish Council meets every six weeks. There is no meeting in March. The next meeting is Tuesday 2nd April at 7pm at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome as always.

Please contact the Clerk if there any issues you would like discussed. This allows time to be allotted on the agenda.

Butterton W.I.

We meet on the second Tuesday, in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Come and join this very relaxed, caring and very social group of ladies. More details available on 01538304546 or 01538304550.

Butterton Reading Group.

Butterton Reading Group meets on the third Monday of every month at 7.30pm at various venues.

We have read books of different genres over the past year and have discussed the same with differing opinions and comments. We enjoy convivial evenings with a light hearted approach to our chosen reads.

For more information about the Book Club, contact 01538304546 or 01538304550.

Elkstones' Entries

Fingers Crossed

..... or whatever else you do to ward off the evil weather forecasts – no sign of this Year's Beast as yet in spite of the doom mongers, in fact we have a heat wave at present which is forecast to last for next week too! Spring is definitely in the air and there are more snowdrops everywhere than I have ever seen before. The nights are drawing out and the birds are singing – what more could you want?

St. John the Baptist

Vicar: Father John Bains.

Church Warden:

Mr Reg Meakin 01538 304295

Services:

3rd March at 3.30pm, Evensong

17th March at 11.00am, Holy

Communion.

(Church Wardens are reminded to contact the typist with details monthly if they want these details included).

Flowers and Cleaning Rota

March – Sally Faulkner

Elkstones Church Services at St. John's

Evensong at 3.30 pm on **Sunday, 3rd March**, which will be Lay Led and Holy Communion at 11.00 am on **Sunday, 17th March**, with Father John.

It was a bit quiet this morning with only two in the congregation, a Stand in Warden, and the Vicar! Warden Reg is on holiday so we didn't even have any music to disguise our singing! It's a good job we weren't on "Songs of Praise!"

If we start visiting you – will you come and visit us? It was a lovely, friendly Service with a very thoughtful reflection on this morning's readings and the modern world.

Lent Hunger Lunch

Always a great meeting of the Parishes with twenty or more people dropping in to see us. Myrtle and Des Alcock have very kindly invited us once again to join them at Townhead

Farm for the Elkstones Hunger Lunch from 12 to 2pm on **Wednesday, 20th March**. We look forward to seeing all our usual visitors and we hope that some of our new neighbours in the Longnor Benefice will join us as well.

Flower Festival

We are organising another Flower Festival this Summer for the benefit of our lovely little Church – there will be a meeting at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday, 13th March**, at Myrtle's to start planning and everybody is welcome. Offers of help or sponsorship would be very welcome – please ring Myrtle on 01538 304 225 if you can't get to the meeting.

Easter Eve Service

Plenty of Services around the Benefice on Easter Day so the Elkstones Service will be at 6.30 pm on Easter Eve, **Saturday 20th April**. We welcome friends and neighbours to celebrate with us at St. John's.

Ilam's Inserts

Holy Cross

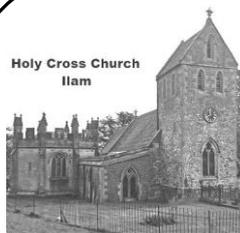
Vicar: Position Vacant.

Service Times:

31st March at 10.30am, All Age
Worship – Mothering Sunday.

Wardens:

Ian Smith 01335 350236 & Miss Ellen
Clewes 01335 350437



Flower & Brasses Rota (March)

1st – 7th Mrs W Hudson (Flowers & Brasses)

8th – 21st Mrs J Frith (Lent, Brasses Only)

22nd – 4th April, Miss E Clewes (Lent, Brasses Only)

New Vicar

Following interviews in early January we are pleased to advise that Rev. John Austerberry has agreed to take up the post of Vicar to Alstonefield, Ilam and Wetton. Arrangements are being made in relation to his licensing which it is hoped will take place on Friday 3rd May 2019 at Alstonefield Church at 7.30pm. All are invited and there will be more details in next month's magazine

Easter Flowers

We will be decorating the Church on Easter Saturday 20th April from 2pm and if anyone would like to help please feel free to come along and if anyone would like to make a donation towards Easter flowers then please hand to Ellen Clewes, Ian Smith, Joan Wain or Vera Nottage.

New Baby

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Robert and Lisa on the birth of their son Jacob, a precious new brother for Emilia.

Ilam Parish Council

Chairwoman: Caroline Sellers 01335 350368

Clerk: Paul Watson 01335 310321

paul@prwatson.co.uk Website: www.ilam.org.uk

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 8 pm on 12th March in Ilam School. All are welcome to attend.

Pilates continues every Thursday at 3:30 pm at Beechenhill Haybarn and the cross-country running group meet every Tuesday morning for a five-mile run; details are available from paul@prwatson.co.uk.

Ilam Ducklings Parent & Toddler Group

9.00am – 11.00 am Every Tuesday during Term Time

The Haybarn, Beechenhill Farm, Ilam

01335 310274 for further details/enquiries

Ilam Book Club

Next book group meeting is at Ann Sutton's, Fountain Cottage, Ilam, tel: 01335 350582 at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 6th March 2019

We are reading any or all of these:

- This Thing of Darkness by Harry Thompson
- Night Train to Jamal Pur by Andrew Martin

And any of the following by Josephine Tey

- The Daughter of Time
- The Franchise Affair
- The Singing Sands

We are a small friendly group and all are welcome.

Derbyshire Open Arts at Beechenhill, Helpers invited!

25th-27th May.

We have an exhibition of 10 Peak District Artisans at Beechenhill Farm, Ilam on May Bank Holiday 25th - 27th May, with the Arty Cafe. Last year we raised £1300+ at the café which was shared between Wetton and Alstonefield Community First Responders and Friends of the Peak District.

This year we are dedicating all the funds to WACFR. The Artists make the cakes, (but other cakes are always welcome). Up to last year the Artists manned the café but the exhibition has got busier and we need help! So we are looking for volunteers to help man the café. We need two people per session, am/pm for the three days. We are really friendly Artisans and would really appreciate your help. Thank you!

To volunteer or find out more info please contact Sue Prince at 01335 310467 info@beechenhill.co.uk

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Warslow's Wanderings

*****Lent Lunch at Warslow Hall*****

12noon to 2 pm

Tuesday 12th March 2019

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St Lawrence Church Warslow

All very welcome, please come along

Manifold Pre-School, Warslow

We are a small friendly setting set in Manifold C of E Academy, Charity and Ofsted registered.

We open Monday to Friday from 9am - 12pm & 1pm-3pm with a Lunch Club available from 12pm - 1pm.

Places are available for children from 18 months – 4 years, £4.50/hour, funding is available for some 2 and 3 year olds. If you would like to come and look around you are very welcome. Please contact Sarah Thomas on 01298 84367.

Manifold Monkeys: We also offer a stay and play session every Friday morning, held in Manifold C of E Academy Community Room, from 9.30am - 11.30am £3.00/family including drinks and snack, suitable from Birth to 4 Years. All Welcome to come along, meet new people, and relax with a nice drink whilst your children play in a safe environment.



St. Lawrence

Vicar: Father John Baines.

Next Service(s) March:-

Wednesday 6th at 6.30pm, Ashing.

Sunday 17th at 9.30am, Holy

Communion.

Sunday 7th April at 6.30pm, Lay

Led.

(Church Wardens are reminded to contact me with details monthly if they want Services included).

Wardens: Mrs Rachel Moorcroft 01298 84568,

Mrs Judy Prince 01298 84351

Treasurer: Emma Gould 01298 687190

Flowers in March: No Flowers, Lent

Cleaning in March: Judy Prince & Rachel Moorcroft

Magazine: If you would like a benefice magazine please contact Emma Gould to order a copy.

A Note from the Treasurer.

It is becoming increasingly costly to maintain our church from week to week. if anyone would like to offer to give a regular amount to the church please contact Emma Gould.

Please note that if you are a tax payer then the church can benefit much further than your usual offerings at the services with an extra 20% donated by the Government.

Please don't think that it has to be a big donation if we all gave a little together we could make a difference – if you would like to discuss matters further please contact Emma Gould. Thank you in anticipation.



Bereavements

We are deeply saddened to hear of the recent bereavements that families in our village have suffered.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Ruth Grindey on the loss of her Dad,

Sarah & Emma Garde on the loss of Sarah's Father- in- Law and Emma's Grandad, and also the Family of Jean Goodwin of Alstonefield **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

Spring Cleaning

If anyone can spare some time to undertake this much needed task, it would be much appreciated – please contact Judy or Rachel to let them know your availability – a team date then can be chosen - thanks in anticipation.

Thank You

The Church Team would like to express our grateful appreciation to Frank Grindon for helping to sort out our small but significant plumbing job this week.

Easter Flowers

We will be placing flowers in church in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us. We will have daffodils as they will fill the church with colour at Easter. If you would like to remember a loved one and make a small donation to the church please contact Emma Gould to arrange your dedication in church.



Church Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is being renewed this year. The roll lists the lay members entitled to take part in the annual parochial church meeting. Our Electoral Roll Officer is Reg Meakin, please contact him if you would like to be noted on the roll.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting; This will be held on Monday 29th April in Church at 4:30 p.m.

Warslow Lent Lunch

This *popular* annual event will be held at **Warslow Hall on 12th March at 12 noon**, by kind permission of Roger Pegg. Do come and join us for this enjoyable and worthwhile event in such a *beautiful* location. If you are able to help or provide any refreshments please contact the Church Team.

Donations

We thank the relatives and friends of Nancy Bassett for their donation in the Memory of Nancy to the Church and Church Yard Fund.

Church Yard Team

As Spring approaches, if anyone would like to join the team, please let Steve Bentley know. Many Thanks

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Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors are:

Chairman: Mrs Amy Wardman 01538 304512.

Vice Chair: Mrs Judy Prince 01538 300225

Mr C Barker 01298 84716, Mr D Tittley 01298 84787,

Mr S Gould 01298 687190. Mr L Wilson 07854966318

Mr I Astle 07377329145

Clerk: Steve Mansfield Tel: 01298 83308 or

email swmde52@yahoo.co.uk.

website <http://warslowandelkstones-pc.org/>

Dates of 2019 Meetings at 7.30 pm in Village Hall:
March 18th, May 20th, July 15th, September 16th and
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Wetton's Wordage

The Mires Tidy Up

I will be tidying up the historic wells, verges and vegetation on
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grateful for any help, however small, from villagers.
Thanks. Anne (Lengthsman)



St. Margaret's Vicar: Position Vacant

Service Times:

3rd March at 11am, Morning

Worship.

24th March at 11am Benefice Holy
Communion.

Warden: Miss Claire Day 01538
381773

St Margaret's Church, Wetton 50/50 Lottery

Closing date for the March drawer 2019 draw is
Friday 15th March and the draw will take place on
Friday 22nd March in the Tea Rooms. You can join the draw
at any time by paying Margaret at Manifold Cottage or at the
Tea Rooms. The current subscription is £5 per draw.

Church Electoral Roll

The Church electoral role is due for revision in 2019. This
year fresh applications are necessary which means all
members of the electoral role will be required to fill out new
forms. These will be distributed by the Electoral Roll Officer. If
you are not currently on the Church Electoral Role and would
like to be included please advise our Church Warden.

Wetton Parish Council

Councillors: Mark Goodridge 310123 (Chairman),
Nicola Drummond 310296, Niki Dymek 01298 687061,
Margaret Hodgkinson 310244, Denise Noble 310540, Lucy
Powis 310560, Graham Stubbs 310202

Meetings will now be held every six weeks as opposed to
every third Monday in the month.

Next meeting: Contact Member for details.

Wetton Parish Council Clerk

A vacancy has arisen for a Clerk to take on all duties
including Financial Management for Wetton Parish Council.

Please contact the Chairperson Mark Goodridge for more
details. mark.goodridge01@btinternet.com

All meetings of the Parish Council are open to members of
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